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1. The engineer camp at Bad Koesen (M 52/I 78) was occupied by about 1,500 troops on 12 August 1951, whereas it was completely vacated on 18 August. *

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2. Material observed with the engineer troops in the camp on 12 August included 15 large amphibious cars,

4 motorboats; 120 quadrangular pontoons, measuring about 8 x 3 x 1 meters; AT mines, 30 cm in diameter; an undetermined number of folding boats; wooden practice mines measuring 50 x 50 x 25 cm; 8 x 120-mm mortars, and 1 cylindrical smoke tank, about 50 x 20 cm.

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3. Fourteen of about 120 trucks parked in the camp on 12 August

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Comment. During the summer of 1951, most of the engineer units of the components of the Eighth Gds Army and elements of the 36th Pan Bridge Regt of the GOFU were at the engineer training site near Bad Koesen. As the present report indicates that the engineer camp was vacated on 18 August, it is believed that the engineer units rejoined their corps and divisions preparatory to the fall maneuvers. Two trains which were loaded in Bad Koesen on 17 August for shipment to Wallwitz, northwest of Halle, may have carried component units of the 21st Gds Mecz Div.

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Comment. Since vehicles of components of the Eighth Gds Army and of the 57th Gds Itz Rifle Div were still seen at the engineer camp on 12 August, these units must have also departed between 13 and 17 August.

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